

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An original cover of an image reading  
apparatus comprising:

a cover member for covering an original placed  
5 on an original stand; and

a hinge member having one end thereof  
pivotally supported by said cover member and having the  
other end thereof mounted on and pivotally supported by  
said original stand.

10 2. The original cover according to Claim 1,  
wherein said hinge member is pivotally supported by  
other area than an end portion of said cover member.

15 3. The original cover according to Claim 1,  
wherein said cover member has its pivotally movable  
range restricted with respect to said hinge member.

20 4. The original cover according to Claim 3,  
wherein at least one of said cover member and said  
hinge member is provided with a restricting portion for  
restricting the pivotally movable range of said cover  
member with respect to said hinge member.

25 5. The original cover according to Claim 1,  
further comprising a biasing member for biasing said  
cover member in a direction in which said cover member

is opened with respect to said hinge member.

6. The original cover according to Claim 4,  
further comprising a biasing member for biasing said  
5 cover member in a direction for restricting a rotation  
of said cover member with respect to said hinge member  
by said restricting portion.

7. The original cover according to Claim 5 or 6,  
10 wherein said biasing member is a torsion coil spring.

8. The original cover according to Claim 5 or 6,  
wherein said biasing member is a flexible metal wire  
material or a flexible band-shaped member.

9. The original cover according to Claim 5 or 6,  
wherein said biasing member is a portion of said cover  
15 member or said hinge member.

10. The original cover according to Claim 1,  
wherein said cover member is biased in a direction in  
which said cover member is opened with respect to said  
hinge member and is biased in an axial direction of a  
rotary shaft, by biasing means.

11. The original cover according to Claim 10,  
25 wherein said cover member has its pivotally movable

range restricted with respect to said hinge member.

12. The original cover according to Claim 10, wherein said biasing means is a torsion compression coil spring.

13. An image reading apparatus comprising:  
an original cover as recited in any one of  
Claims 1 to 6 or 10 to 12; and  
image reading means for reading image  
information of an original placed on an original stand.